



Lesotho

Ratified Agreement: **Yes**

Ratification Date: **2016-01-04**

Implementation Notifications (Categories A, B, C)

Notified all category ABC designations				Yes
A - 11.8%	B - 24.4%	C - 63.9%	Not yet notified - 0.0%	
Notified indicative dates in Category B				Yes
Notified definitive dates in Category B				Yes
Notified indicative dates in Category C				Yes
Notified definitive dates in Category C				No
Notified Technical Assistance requirements				Yes

Implementation Notifications (Categories A, B, C)

Notified arrangements on the provision of technical assistance support

No

Notified progress in the provision of technical assistance support

No

Transparency notifications

Notified Art. 1.4

Category B

Definitive implementation date by 31 December 2022

No

Notified Art. 10.4.3

Category C

Indicative implementation date by 31 December 2028

No

Notified Art. 10.6.2

Category A

Definitive implementation date 22 February 2018

No

Notified Art. 12.2

Category C

Indicative implementation date 31 December 2023

No

Information on Assistance and Capacity Building

Notified Art. 22.3

Yes

Detailed notification breakdown			Indicative implementation date	Definitive implementation date
1.1	Publication	B	by 31 December 2019	by 31 December 2021
1.2	Information available through internet	C B»C	by 31 December 2019	To be determined
1.3	Enquiry points	C	by 31 December 2021	To be determined
1.4	Notification	B	by 31 December 2021	by 31 December 2022
2.1	Comments and information before entry into force	A		by 22 February 2018
2.2	Consultations	B	by 31 December 2019	by 31 December 2021
3	Advance rulings	B	by 31 December 2021	by 31 December 2022
4	Procedures for appeal or review	C	by 31 December 2023	To be determined
5.1	Notifications for enhanced controls or inspections	A		by 22 February 2018
5.2	Detention	A		by 22 February 2018
5.3	Test procedures	C	by 31 December 2023	
6.1	General disciplines on fees and charges	A		by 22 February 2018
6.2	Specific disciplines on fees and charges	A		by 22 February 2018
6.3	Penalty Disciplines	A		by 22 February 2018
7.1	Pre-arrival processing	C	by 31 December 2023	To be determined
7.2	Electronic payment	B	by 31 December 2023	by 31 December 2023

Detailed notification breakdown			Indicative implementation date	Definitive implementation date
7.3	Separation of release	C	by 31 December 2023	To be determined
7.4	Risk management	C	by 31 December 2023	To be determined
7.5	Post-clearance audit	C	by 31 December 2023	To be determined
7.6	Average release times	C	by 31 December 2023	To be determined
7.7	Authorized operators	C	by 31 December 2023	To be determined
7.8	Expedited shipments	C	by 31 December 2023	To be determined
7.9	Perishable goods	C	by 31 December 2023	To be determined
8	Border Agency Cooperation	C	by 31 December 2023	To be determined
9	Movement of goods	A		by 22 February 2018
10.1	Formalities	C	by 31 December 2023	To be determined
10.2	Acceptance of copies	B	by 31 December 2023	by 31 December 2025
10.3	Use of international standards	C	by 31 December 2023	To be determined
10.4	Single window	C	by 31 December 2028	To be determined
10.5	Preshipment inspection	A		by 22 February 2018
10.6	Use of customs brokers	A		by 22 February 2018
10.7	Common border procedures	C	by 31 December 2021	To be determined

Detailed notification breakdown

Indicative implementation date

Definitive implementation date

10.8	Rejected Goods	C	by 31 December 2023	To be determined
10.9	Temporary admission of goods and inward and outward processing	C B»C	by 31 December 2019	To be determined
11	Transit	B	by 31 December 2019	by 31 December 2021
12	Customs cooperation	C	by 31 December 2023	To be determined

Legend

A	Fully notified in A	Ap	Partially notified in A	
B	Fully notified in B	Bp	Partially notified in B	C»B Shift from C to B
C	Fully notified in C	Cp	Partially notified in C	B»C Shift from B to C
N	Not yet notified	E	Extension of time requested	

Notifications and other documents

Symbol	Date	Description
G/TFA/N/LSO/1/Add.1	2020-02-21	Categories B and C notification - Addendum
G/TFA/N/LSO/1	2018-06-04	Categories A, B and C notification

1.2 Information available through internet



1.2.1 (a), (b), (c)	Indicative date of implementation	Definitive date of implementation
1.2.2	31 December 2019	To be determined
1.2.3		

Assistance required for implementation

- Support with the software for upgrade of Lesotho Trade Portal (LTP) that can publish the current trade regulations including but not limited to administrative procedures, agencies to visit, results or outcomes, forms, requirements, licenses, permits, penalties applicable in case of breach, applicable fees, duration of each procedure and laws that justify the procedure and its contents in a step by step manner.
- Technical assistance to build a user-friendly interface with clear import and export procedures for each product.
- Awareness (education and communications) campaigns to promote the use of LTP.
- Capacity building to ensure maintenance and extension of the LTP.
- Service Level Agreements which outline procedure for review and provision of the updates by Agencies.

Tags: *Information and communication technologies (ICT), Legislative and regulatory framework, Human resources and training, Awareness-raising*

Shift from Cat. B to Cat. C notification.

	Indicative date of implementation	Definitive date of implementation
1.3.1		
1.3.2	31 December 2021	To be determined
1.3.3		
1.3.4		

Assistance required for implementation

- Expand enquiry points beyond MTI, MAFS and LRA to other agencies.
- Strengthen SPS Committee by developing the ToRs and training.
- Capacity building on operating and maintaining enquiry points.
- Coordination and monitoring (in an electronic format) of the services for all enquiry points.

Tags: *Information and communication technologies (ICT), Human resources and training*



	Indicative date of implementation	Definitive date of implementation
4.1 (a), (b)		
4.2	31 December 2023	To be determined
4.3		

4.4 (a), (b), paragraph

4.5

4.6

Assistance required for implementation

- Support to review draft legislation.
- Operationalize LRA's Tribunal Body including its capacity building.
- Capacity building on implementing appeal procedures.

Tags: *Legislative and regulatory framework, Human resources and training*

	Indicative date of implementation	Definitive date of implementation
5.3.1		
5.3.2	31 December 2023	27 October 2020
5.3.3		

Assistance required for implementation

- Support to develop testing parameters and accreditation for veterinary laboratories.
- ICT infrastructure and technology (networking, automation, high-speed internet).
- Procurement of testing equipment
- Testing kits and other relevant laboratory equipment/materials.
- Support for accreditation of national laboratories.
- Development of the national Quality, Standards, accreditation and certification.
- Development of an electronic interface between the accredited laboratories.
- Capacity Building of staff operating laboratories.

Tags: *Information and communication technologies (ICT), Legislative and regulatory framework, Infrastructure and equipment, Human resources and training*

7.1.1	Indicative date of implementation	Definitive date of implementation
7.1.2	31 December 2023	To be determined

Assistance required for implementation

- Support to review draft legislation including harmonization with legal framework of all relevant institutions.
- Stakeholder consultations through workshops and seminars.
- Capacity building to implement the law.
- Development of communication and change management strategy.

Tags: *Information and communication technologies (ICT), Legislative and regulatory framework, Human resources and training*

	Indicative date of implementation	Definitive date of implementation
7.3.1		
7.3.2 (a), (b)	31 December 2023	To be determined
7.3.3		

7.3.4

7.3.5

7.3.6

Assistance required for implementation

- Support for review and drafting of legislative amendments.
- Stakeholder consultations through workshops and seminars.

Tags: *Legislative and regulatory framework, Human resources and training*

	Indicative date of implementation	Definitive date of implementation
7.4.1		
7.4.2	31 December 2023	To be determined
7.4.3		
7.4.4		

Assistance required for implementation

- Develop multi-agency risk management framework.
- Support on the design and establishment of a risk management system.
- ICT Infrastructure and technology for an automated risk management system.
- Capacity building for sustainable operations of multi-agency risk management framework.

Tags: *Information and communication technologies (ICT), Legislative and regulatory framework, Infrastructure and equipment, Human resources and training*

	Indicative date of implementation	Definitive date of implementation
7.5.1		
7.5.2	31 December 2023	To be determined
7.5.3		
7.5.4		

Assistance required for implementation

- Support to review draft legislation including harmonization with legal framework of all relevant institutions.
- Capacity building in post clearance audit in all relevant agencies.

Tags: *Legislative and regulatory framework, Human resources and training*



	Indicative date of implementation	Definitive date of implementation
7.6.1		
7.6.2	31 December 2023	To be determined

Assistance required for implementation

- Capacity building on designing, planning and implementing Time Release Study for all relevant agencies.
- Stakeholder engagement to disseminate the results of the study.

Tags: *Legislative and regulatory framework, Human resources and training, Awareness-raising*

	Indicative date of implementation	Definitive date of implementation
7.7.1		
7.7.2 (a) (i), (ii), (iii), (iv), (i), (ii)	31 December 2023	To be determined
7.7.3 (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g)		

7.7.4

7.7.5

7.7.6

Assistance required for implementation

- Capacity building on design, implementation and review of authorized trader scheme.
- Support for development of the multi-agency framework for the Authorized Operators.
- Stakeholder Awareness campaigns.

Tags: *Legislative and regulatory framework, Institutional procedures, Human resources and training, Awareness-raising*



	Indicative date of implementation	Definitive date of implementation
7.8.1 (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), (h)		
7.8.2 (a), (b), (c), (d)	31 December 2023	To be determined
7.8.3		

Assistance required for implementation

- Support on developing procedures/policies to ensure rapid release of expedited goods.
- Support on requisite infrastructure.

Tags: *Legislative and regulatory framework, Infrastructure and equipment*

7.9.1 (a), (b)	Indicative date of implementation	Definitive date of implementation
7.9.2	31 December 2023	To be determined
7.9.3		
7.9.4		

Assistance required for implementation

- Support to review draft legislation including harmonization with legal framework of all relevant institutions.
- Infrastructure support for storage facilities.
- Stakeholder consultations.

Tags: *Legislative and regulatory framework, Infrastructure and equipment*



8.1	Indicative date of implementation	Definitive date of implementation
8.2 (a), (b), (c), (d), (e)	31 December 2023	To be determined

Assistance required for implementation

- Support for developing a strategy/framework for border agency cooperation.
- Capacity building for staff on border agency cooperation.
- Support for development of legislation to facilitate border agency cooperation.
- Support for Development of Monitoring and Evaluation programme.

Tags: *Legislative and regulatory framework, Institutional procedures, Human resources and training*

10.1.1 (a), (b), (c), (d)

Indicative date of implementation

31 December 2023

Definitive date of implementation

To be determined

Assistance required for implementation

- Support to develop a system for periodic review of formalities and documentation requirements.
- Capacity building for responsible agencies on conducting periodic reviews.
- Stakeholder consultations and engagement on formalities and documentation requirements.
- Support for implementation of electronic certification of origin.

Tags: *Information and communication technologies (ICT), Legislative and regulatory framework, Human resources and training*



	Indicative date of implementation	Definitive date of implementation
10.3.1		
10.3.2	31 December 2023	To be determined

Assistance required for implementation

- Capacity building for agencies on relevant international standards, testing procedures and international best practices.
- Awareness campaigns on use of international standards.

Tags: *Legislative and regulatory framework, Human resources and training, Awareness-raising*



	Indicative date of implementation	Definitive date of implementation
10.4.1		
10.4.2	31 December 2028	To be determined
10.4.3		
10.4.4		

Assistance required for implementation

- Support to review draft legislation including harmonization with legal framework of all relevant institutions Stakeholder awareness campaigns on National Electronic single window.

Tags: *Legislative and regulatory framework, Awareness-raising*



10.7.1	Indicative date of implementation	Definitive date of implementation
10.7.2 (a), (b), (c), (d), (e)	31 December 2021	To be determined

Assistance required for implementation

- Support to review draft legislation including harmonization with legal framework of all relevant institutions.
- Support on development of a strategy for Common Border Procedures.
- Capacity building for implementation.

Tags: *Legislative and regulatory framework, Institutional procedures, Human resources and training*



10.8.1	Indicative date of implementation	Definitive date of implementation
10.8.2	31 December 2023	To be determined

Assistance required for implementation

- Support for development of Standard Operating Procedures for agencies.
- Capacity building on standards and related issues.

Tags: *Legislative and regulatory framework, Human resources and training*

10.9.1	Indicative date of implementation	Definitive date of implementation
10.9.2 (a), (b), (c)	31 December 2019	To be determined

Assistance required for implementation

- Establish clear procedures, policy and guidelines for control and management of temporary admission of goods.
- Establish a proper mechanism to implement inward and outward processing of goods for better control and record keeping.
- Requisite Capacity building for implementation.

Tags: *Legislative and regulatory framework, Institutional procedures, Human resources and training*

Shift from Cat. B to Cat. C notification.



	Indicative date of implementation	Definitive date of implementation
12.1.1		
12.1.2	31 December 2023	To be determined
12.2.1		
12.2.2		
12.3		
12.4.1 (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f)	Assistance required for implementation	
12.4.2		
12.5.1 (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support for development of legal framework for the exchange of information. 	
12.5.2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stakeholder consultations and engagements. 	
12.5.3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support to engage a partner on one-stop border posts. 	
12.6.1 (a), (b), (c), (d), (e)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support on requisite infrastructure. 	
12.6.2		
12.7.1 (a), (b), (c), (d), (e)	Tags: <i>Information and communication technologies (ICT), Legislative and regulatory framework, Infrastructure and equipment, Human resources and training</i>	
12.7.2		
12.8		
12.9.1		
12.9.2		
12.10 (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), (h)		
12.11.1 (a), (b), (c)		
12.11.2		
12.12.1		
12.12.2		

Legend

	Fully notified in C		Partially notified in C		Extension of time requested
	Donor arrangement notified		Donor arrangement not yet notified		

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